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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO

1. AT HIS REQUEST I CALLED ON FONMIN DIRGEN PELAGHIAS MORNING
AUGUST 2. ON ARRIVAL PELAGHIAS TOLD ME THAT FONMIN WOULD HAVE
WISHED TO BE PRESENT, BUT HE WAS ATTENDING A COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
MEETING.

2. PELAGHIAS SAID THE GOVT WAS ISSUING A STATEMENT ON THE
LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO. HE BELIEVED THE STATEMENT WAS A
BALANCED ONE, AND HE WISHED TO READ IT TO ME. HE SAID THE
FACT OF OUR MEETING WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC BUT THAT IT WOULD NOT
BE DESCRIBED AS A DEMARCHE. READING FROM THE GREEK TEXT,
PELAGHIAS TRANSLATED IT INTO ENGLISH. THE REACTION OF THE
GOVT WAS DESCRIBED AS QTE ANGER AND DEEP FRUSTRATION END QTE.
I TOLD HIM I WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE WORD ANGER DE-
LETED. IN MY PRESENCE HE TELEPHONED THE PRESIDENT WHO
ACCEPTED MY SUGGESTION. TEXT OF STATEMENT BEING
TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

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3. PELAGHIAS SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ASKED HIM TO
EMPHASIZE VERY STRONGLY TO ME THAT THE U.S. WAS NOW
ASSUMING A MAJOR OBLIGATION TO ACHIEVE A JUST SOLUTION
TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. THE PRESIDENT WAS CERTAIN THAT
PRESIDENT CARTER WOULD DO HIS BEST SINCE HE HAD REPEATED
THE ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO HELP IN THE SEARCH
FOR A JUST SOLUTION FOR CYPRUS, WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE

GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE
AND PROGRESS. PELAGHIAS ASSURED ME THAT THE GOVT WOULD
TAKE ALL THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS SO THAT NO UNPLEASANT
INCIDENTS WOULD OCCUR.

4. IN CLOSING, HE SAID THAT IF, AS A RESULT OF THE
LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO, THE U.S. WOULD HAVE A FREER
HAND TO ASSIST IN ACHIEVING A JUST SOLUTION, THAT WOULD
MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF THE RESUMPTION OF ARMS DELIVERIES
TO TURKEY.
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